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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image recording method, comprising:

loading identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject and subject information used by a photographer to confirm an identity of the subject, in a digital camera before photographing the subject;

displaying, on a basis of the subject information, subject information used by the photographer to confirm the identity of the subject on a display device of the digital camera before photographing the subject;

photographing the subject using the digital camera after confirming the identity of the subject on the basis of the subject information displayed on the display device; and

recording a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the loaded identification information,

wherein the photographed medical image recorded in connection with the loaded identification information is saved to a database,

wherein the identification information loading comprises:

reading the subject identification information from a recording medium having the subject identification information recorded thereon;

reading the subject information corresponding to the read subject identification information from the recording medium, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the subject identification information; and

transmitting the subject information read from the database, to the digital camera together with the identification information read from the recording medium,

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wherein the subject information comprises ~~at least an~~ image of a face from the subject's image and name, and

wherein the recording records the identification information loaded in the information loading, in a header part of an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein while the subject identification information and the subject information are being transmitted to the digital camera, the digital camera is inhibited from being used for photographing.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

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reading the identification information reads plural pieces of identification information so that these pieces can be accumulated; and

the transmitting transmits the identification information and the subject information in response to an information obtainment request from the digital camera.

10. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 9, wherein while the subject identification information and the subject information are being transmitted to the digital camera, the digital camera is inhibited from being used for photographing.

11. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein:
the information loading loads recorded image information containing at least one of image format, the number of pixels, compression rate, file size, and image aspect ratio; and
the digital camera records the photographed medical image on a basis of the loaded recorded image information.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Canceled)

14. (Withdrawn- Previously Presented) An image transmitting method, comprising:
inputting destination information from an external device into which a plurality of pieces of destination information are registered and which transmits designated destination information as required to a digital camera, the information being indicative of a destination

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of an image, wherein said inputting inputs destination information to the digital camera using radio communication before photographing a subject to be photographed;

photographing the subject using the digital camera;

recording the photographed image of the subject in connection with the destination information input in the inputting; and

transmitting the photographed subject image to the destination corresponding to the destination information, on the basis of the destination information recorded in connection with the image.

15. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus, comprising:

an input device which reads identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject from a recording medium having the information recorded thereon;

an information transmitting device which reads subject information corresponding to the read identification information, from a database having the subject information already stored in connection with the subject identification information and transmits the subject information read from the database, together with the identification information read from the recording medium, wherein said subject information comprises information of ~~at least one of~~ an image of a face from the subject's image and a name of the subject;

a receiving device which receives the identification information and the subject information;

a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the received subject information before photographing the subject;

a photographing device which photographs the subject; and

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a recording device which records a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the received identification information,

wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded.

16. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, wherein the recording medium comprises one of a card, a magnetic card, and an IC card including a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device comprises a card reader.

17. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a communication device which transmits the image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus, comprising:

an input device which reads an identification information of a value or a binary information preliminary added to a subject and subject information from a recording medium having the identification information and the subject information recorded thereon, wherein said subject information comprises information of ~~at least one of~~ an image of a face from the subject's image and a name of the subject;

a display device which displays the subject information on the basis of the read subject information before photographing the subject;

a photographing device which photographs the subject; and

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a recording device which records a photographed medical image of the subject in connection with the read identification information,

wherein the recording device records the identification information in a header part of an image file in which the photographed medical image of the subject is recorded.

20. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the recording medium comprises one of a card, a magnetic card, and an IC card including a bar code recorded thereon, and the input device comprises a card reader.

21. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a communication device which transmits the medical image recorded in connection with the identification information, to the database.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Withdrawn) An image recording method, comprising:

inputting GPS information added to an image of a subject to be photographed and place name information associated with the GPS information to a digital camera from an external device using radio communication before photographing the subject to be photographed;

displaying the place name information on a display device of the digital camera on the basis of the place name information input from the external device before photographing the subject to be photographed; and

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after photographing the subject, recording an image of the subject and the GPS information input from the external device in connection with the image.

24. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the information is used by a photographer to check at least one of contents and correctness of the GPS information added to the subject image.

25. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the place name information comprises one of test information and image information which can be displayed on the display device.

26. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the GPS information comprises binary information, and the place name information comprises text information corresponding to the binary information.

27. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 24, wherein the GPS information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

28. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the place name information comprises at least one of test information and image information which can be displayed on the display device.

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29. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the GPS information comprises binary information, and the place name information comprises text information corresponding to the binary information.

30. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the GPS information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

31. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 23, wherein the GPS information comprises at least one of numerical locational information on the subject and identification information already imparted to the subject.

32. (Withdrawn-Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 31, wherein the place name information is used by a photographer to check at least one of contents and correctness of the GPS information added to the subject image.

33. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the information comprises one of test information and image information which can be displayed on the display device.

34. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the GPS information comprises binary information, and the place name information comprises text information corresponding to the binary information.

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35. (Withdrawn) The image recording method according to claim 32, wherein the GPS information is recorded in a header part of an image file in which an image of the subject is recorded.

36. (Withdrawn-Previously Presented) An image recording system, comprising:
an external device which outputs, using radio communication, GPS information added to an image of a subject to be photographed place name information associated with the GPS information; and

a digital camera comprising:

a display device which displays the place name information on a basis of the place name information input from the external device using radio communication before photographing the subject to be photographed; and

a recording device which records an image of the subject after the subject has been photographed and records the GPS information input from the external device, in connection with the image.

37. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein said identification information comprises information that can be used to confirm an identity of said subject to be photographed.

38. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, further comprising:

confirming an identity of said subject to be photographed using the subject information.

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39. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein said information loading comprises at least one of loading said identification information in the digital camera using radio communication and loading said identification information from a recording medium.

40. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein said information loading automatically loads the identification information on the subject and the subject information used by the photographer to confirm the subject, in the digital camera before photographing the subject.

41. (Withdrawn- Previously Presented) An image transmitting method, comprising:
inputting identification information on a subject and subject information, and destination information from an external device into which a plurality of pieces of destination information are registered and which transmits designated destination information as required to a digital camera, before photographing the subject,

wherein the subject information includes information used by a photographer to confirm an identity of the subject, before photographing the subject, and

wherein the destination information includes information indicative of a destination of an image;

displaying, on a basis of the subject information, subject information for confirming the identity of the subject on a display device of the digital camera, before photographing the subject;

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photographing the subject using the digital camera after confirming the identity of the subject on the basis of the subject information displayed on the display device;

recording the photographed image of the subject in connection with the identification information and the destination information input; and

transmitting the photographed subject image to the destination corresponding to the destination information, on the basis of the destination information recorded in connection with the image.

42. (Previously Presented) The image recording method according to claim 1, wherein the recording further comprises transmitting the recorded photographed medical image, together with the identification information in the header part of the image file, to a data base and an image display device by a radio from the digital camera, after said confirming the identity of the subject, and after said photographing the subject.